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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Paul B. "Rusty" Harris of Naperville on Tuesday, March 22, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born July 6, 1921, in Normal to Ben and Pauline (Palmer) Harris; he moved to Naperville in 1966; he was a graduate of Illinois State University in Normal and was a teacher at Normal Community High School; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Harris later worked as a textbook sales representative for Scholastic Publishing Co. and retired in 1989 after 40 years; he was an Eagle Scout and U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II on the USS Pamanset in the Pacific theater; and

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WHEREAS, He was a very active member for 39 years with the Naperville Evening Kiwanis Club, was a volunteer for 12 years at Edward Hospital, delivered Meals on Wheels, and delivered videos to residents of nursing homes; he especially enjoyed doing presentations about World War II for grade-school children on Veterans Day; he also enjoyed participating in the School District 203 HURRAH program and reading at Prairie School to the primary-grade students; he served on the board of directors for the Old Sawmill Condo board for 15 years and was a 39-year member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Naperville; he enjoyed being with his family and loved to golf; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Paul B. "Rusty" Harris has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Mary (Salmon) Harris; his son, John "Jack" (wife Ann) Harris; his daughters, Nancy (husband Gary) Blotcky and Polly (husband Pat) Benton; his grandchildren, Kelly First, Chris, Andy, and Tim Grimes, Jay and Sarah Benton, and Mike, Molly, Kyle, and Tommy Harris; his great-grandchildren, Katy First and Adam and Amanda Grimes; and

1 his brothers, James William (wife Carolee) Harris and Richard
2 L. (wife Carol) Harris; he was preceded in death by his
3 parents, Ben and Pauline (Palmer) Harris; and by two brothers,
4 Jack and Robert; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Paul B. "Rusty" Harris, and we extend our deepest sympathy to
8 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere
12 condolences.